

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action has been carefully considered. It is respectfully submitted that the issues raised are traversed, being hereinafter addressed with reference to the relevant headings appearing in the Detailed Action section of the Office Action.

Allowable Subject Matter

In view of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter claims 1 and 38 have been revised to include the subject matter of previously dependent claim 21. Consequently, dependent claims 18 and 21 have been cancelled, and the dependency of claims 19 and 20 revised.

The dependency of claim 25 has also been revised to correct an error.

Additionally, in view of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, independent claims directed to the subject matter previously contained in each of claims 6, 20, 24 to 26 and 30. Equivalent independent claims based on original claim 38 are also provided.

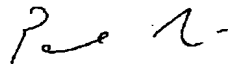
Claim 39 has also been cancelled from the Application.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the objections and claim rejections have been successfully traversed and addressed. The amendments do not involve adding any information that was not already disclosed in the specification, and therefore no new matter is added. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims, and the application as a whole with these claims, are allowable, and a favourable reconsideration is therefore earnestly solicited.

Very respectfully,

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